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Memorandum by the Secretary-General

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I. Introduction

1. The Secretary-General has the honour to place before the General Committee, for its consideration, the following observations and proposals in connection with the report to be made to the General Assembly by the General Committee regarding the organization of the fifty-ninth regular session and future sessions of the Assembly, the adoption of the agenda and the allocation of items.

2. Over the years, the General Assembly has adopted a number of provisions aimed at rationalizing the procedures and organization of the Assembly. These provisions are reproduced in the annexes to the rules of procedure of the General Assembly (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1 and 2, annexes I, II and IV-VIII).

3. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the following resolutions of the General Assembly, the provisions of which are reflected in the present document under the relevant sections:

(a) Annex I (Guidelines on the Rationalization of the Agenda of the General Assembly) to resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(b) Annex to resolution 51/241 of 31 July 1997, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations system";

(c) Paragraph 1 of resolution 52/163 of 15 December 1997, entitled "Amendment to rule 103 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly";

(d) Annex to resolution 55/285 of 7 September 2001, entitled "Revitalization of the General Assembly: improving the efficiency of the General Assembly";

(e) Resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002, entitled "Amendments to rules 30, 31 and 99 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly";

(f) Resolution 57/301 of 13 March 2003, entitled "Amendment to rule 1 of the rules of procedure of the General Assembly and opening date and duration of the general debate";

(g) Resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(h) Resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly".

4. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to his report on the reform of the United Nations, entitled "Strengthening of the United Nations: an agenda for further change" (A/58/395 and Corr.1).

II. Organization of the session

A. General Committee

5. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to rule 40 of the rules of procedure and to document A/56/1005 (paras. 9 and 10) pertaining to the functions of the Committee.

6. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 5 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the functions of the General Committee. The Committee may wish to recall in particular subparagraphs (d) to (h), which read:

> "(d) In July of each year, the General Committee shall conduct a review of the proposed programme of work for the forthcoming session of the General Assembly, on the basis of a report to be submitted by the Secretary-General, and submit recommendations on the matter to the forthcoming Assembly. The report of the Secretary-General shall include information on the status of documentation to be issued during the forthcoming session;
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> "(e) The General Committee, meeting in open-ended consultations, shall continue to consider the further biennialization, triennialization, clustering and elimination of items of the customary agenda of the General Assembly and make recommendations thereon to the Assembly during its fifty-ninth session;
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> "(f) On the basis of proposals from the President of the General Assembly, and in the light of the positive experience during the fifty-eighth session, the General Committee shall be encouraged, as appropriate, to continue to schedule informal briefings on topical issues;
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> "(g) At the beginning of each session, the General Committee, following recommendations from the President of the General Assembly, shall recommend to the Assembly a programme of, and format for, interactive debates on the items of its agenda;
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> "(h) The General Committee shall continue to consider ways and means to further improve its working methods to increase its efficiency and effectiveness in all aspects, and make recommendations on the matter to the General Assembly for its decision by 1 April 2005."

7. The Secretary-General further wishes to recall that, at the outset of each session, each Vice-President of the General Assembly shall designate a liaison person for the duration of the session. This designation may be made by means of a letter to the President (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 20).

B. Rationalization of work

8. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the following resolutions and report of the Secretary-General in relation to the administrative and financial functioning of the Organization:

(a) Resolution 41/213 of 19 December 1986, entitled "Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations";

(b) Resolution 48/264 of 29 July 1994, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(c) Resolution 52/12 B of 19 December 1997, entitled "Renewing the United Nations: a programme for reform";

(d) Resolution 58/126 of 19 December 2003, entitled "Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(e) Resolution 58/316 of 1 July 2004, entitled "Further measures for the revitalization of the work of the General Assembly";

(f) Report of the Secretary-General on the review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations (A/56/82).

9. The Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 14 of the annex to resolution 55/285, which reads:

> "14. As regards implementation of paragraph 7 of the annex to resolution 51/241, the President of the General Assembly, after consideration by the Assembly of the report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization, shall inform the Assembly of his assessment of the debate on the report in order for the Assembly to determine the need for further action."

10. In connection with the effort to rationalize the work of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 2 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126, in which the General Committee is called upon to hold open-ended discussions on the options presented by the Secretary-General before making recommendations to the Assembly. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the Committee to paragraph 1 (a) of the annex to resolution 58/316, which reads:

> "(a) The consideration of the implementation of paragraph 2 of section B of the annex to resolution 58/126 shall be deferred until its fifty-ninth session, taking into account the views expressed as well as the suggestions made by Member States in the context of the deliberations of the open-ended meetings of the General Committee during the fifty-eighth session."

11. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly paragraph 3 of the annex to resolution 58/316 pertaining to the practices and working methods of the Main Committees.

12. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the Main Committees shall meet in substantive session only after the end of the general debate and that the First Committee and the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) shall not meet simultaneously and may consider meeting in a sequential manner during the regular session of the General Assembly. This arrangement shall not apply if it affects their respective identities, programmes of work and effective consideration of their agendas (resolution 51/241, annex, paras. 31 and 36).

C. Opening and closing dates of the session

13. In accordance with rule 1 of the rules of procedure, as amended by resolution 57/301, the fifty-ninth regular session of the General Assembly shall begin on Tuesday, 14 September 2004.

14. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the fifty-ninth session of the Assembly recess on Tuesday, 14 December 2004 and close on Monday, 12 September 2005 (rule 2 of the rules of procedure and para. 4 of annex V to the rules of procedure).

15. The General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, during the main part of the session, the First, the Special Political and Decolonization (Fourth) and the Sixth Committees complete their work by Thursday, 11 November, the Third Committee by Wednesday, 24 November, the Second Committee by Tuesday, 7 December and the Fifth Committee by Friday, 10 December 2004.[1]

D. Seating arrangements

16. In accordance with established practice, the Secretary-General has drawn lots for the purpose of choosing the Member State to occupy the first desk on the General Assembly floor from which the alphabetical seating order will begin. The name drawn was Saint Vincent and the Grenadines. The other countries will follow in the English alphabetical order and the same order will be observed in the Main Committees.

E. Schedule of meetings

17. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, in view of financial constraints, meetings at Headquarters are no longer serviced beyond 6 p.m. or on weekends, with the exception of the plenary of the General Assembly and the Security Council. Consequently, meetings of the Main Committees during the fifty-ninth session, including informal meetings, should start promptly at 10 a.m. and be adjourned by 6 p.m. on weekdays. The Secretary-General would like to inform the General Committee that, in response to numerous requests from delegations, during the final two weeks of Ramadan, from 1 to 11 November 2004, when local time will be Eastern Standard Time, the hours of the plenary meetings and the meetings of the Main Committees will be from 9.30 a.m. to 12.30 p.m. and from 2.30 p.m. to 5.30 p.m. at the latest. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 1 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, which reads:

> "(b) With effect from the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly, the meetings of the plenary Assembly shall normally be held on Mondays and Thursdays."

18. Furthermore, the Secretary-General also wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that measures introduced to reduce costs relating to overtime will be strictly enforced.

19. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in accordance with past practice, it waive the requirement that at least one third of the members of the Assembly in the case of plenary meetings and one quarter of the members of a Main Committee in the case of Main Committee meetings be present in order to declare a meeting open and to permit the debate to proceed. This recommendation would be made on the understanding that such a waiver would not imply any permanent change in the provisions of rules 67 and 108 of the rules of

[1] A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications (see para. 38).

procedure and that the requirement of the presence of a majority of the members for any decision to be taken would be maintained.

F. General debate

20. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that the general debate shall open on the Tuesday following the opening of the regular session and shall be held without interruption over a period of nine working days (resolution 57/301, para. 2) and that the list of speakers for each day shall be completed and no speakers will be transferred to the next day, notwithstanding the implications for hours of work. Furthermore, there shall be no time limits or specified themes for the general debate but the General Assembly will indicate a voluntary guideline of up to 15 minutes for each statement.

21. In accordance with resolution 57/301, the general debate will open on Tuesday, 21 September, and end on Friday, 1 October 2004.

G. Conduct of the meetings, length of statements, explanations of vote, right of reply, points of order and concluding statements

22. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the relevant rules of procedure regarding the conduct of meetings, namely, rules 35, 68, 72, 73, 99 (b), 106, 109, 114 and 115.

23. The General Committee may also wish to draw to the attention of the General Assembly that explanations of vote should be limited to 10 minutes; that, when the same draft resolution is considered in a Main Committee and in plenary meeting, a delegation should, as far as possible, explain its vote only once, i.e., either in the Committee or in plenary meeting, unless that delegation's vote in plenary meeting is different from its vote in the Committee; and that delegations should exercise their right of reply at the end of the day whenever two meetings have been scheduled for that day and whenever such meetings are devoted to the consideration of the same item (decision 34/401, paras. 6-8 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI)).

24. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that points of order be limited to five minutes.

25. With a view to streamlining the procedures of the General Assembly and as another cost-saving measure, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that it review the recommendations contained in paragraph 22 of the annex to resolution 51/241 and paragraph 23 of document A/52/855, regarding the length of statements.

26. The General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that, in order to save time at the end of the session, the practice of making concluding statements in the General Assembly and its Main Committees should be dispensed with except for statements by the presiding officers (decision 34/401, para. 17 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI)).

H. Records of meetings

27. The Secretary-General wishes to recall that, as at past sessions, during the fifty-ninth session verbatim records will continue to be provided for the plenary meetings of the General Assembly and the meetings of the First Committee, and summary records will be provided to the other Main Committees and the General Committee of the Assembly.

28. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw to the attention of the General Assembly that the practice of reproducing statements in extenso as separate documents has been discontinued for all its subsidiary organs that are entitled to summary records and that any exceptions to this rule may be made by the body concerned only if the statements are to serve as bases for discussion and if, after hearing a statement of the relevant financial implications, the body decides that one or more statements in extenso may be included in the summary record, or reproduced as separate documents or as annexes to authorized documents (resolution 38/32 E, paras. 8 and 9).

29. The General Committee may also wish to recommend to the General Assembly that the practice of not reproducing in extenso statements made in a Main Committee should be maintained for the fifty-ninth session.

I. Resolutions

30. The General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the General Assembly that:

- Whenever possible, resolutions requesting the discussion of a question at a subsequent session should not call for the inclusion of a separate new item and such discussion should be held under the item under which the resolution was adopted (decision 34/401, para. 32 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI)).
- Efforts should be made to reduce the number of resolutions adopted by the General Assembly. Resolutions should request reports of the Secretary-General only in cases where that would be indispensable for facilitating the implementation of these resolutions or the continued examination of the question.[2]
- In order to ensure that resolutions have greater political impact, they should be short, in particular as regards the preambular parts, and should focus more on action-oriented operative paragraphs (resolution 57/270 B, para. 69).
- Whenever possible, for the adoption by the General Assembly of agreed texts of resolutions and decisions, informal consultations should be carried out with the widest possible participation of Member States (resolution 45/45, annex, para. 1 (A/520/Rev.15/Amend.1, annex VIII, para. 1)).

31. The Secretary-General encourages Member States to transmit all draft resolutions and decisions in electronic form as well as on paper. The Secretary-General also wishes to inform the Member States that the submitters are responsible

[2] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/41/49), para. 21, recommendation 3 (f).

for ensuring that the electronic and paper versions of the draft resolutions and decisions are identical in content.

J. Documentation

32. The General Committee may wish to draw to the attention of the General Assembly that the Assembly, including its Main Committees, should merely take note of those reports of the Secretary-General or subsidiary organs which do not require a decision by the Assembly and should neither debate nor adopt resolutions on them, unless specifically requested to do so by the Secretary-General or the organ concerned (decision 34/401, para. 28 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI)).

33. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to section III of resolution 57/283 B regarding the timely issuance of documents in the six official languages of the General Assembly.

34. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to resolutions 48/264 and 55/285, in which the Assembly emphasized that restraint should be exercised in making requests for new reports and requested more integrated reports, and to resolution 57/270 B, in which it recognized the need to avoid requesting duplicative reports from the Secretary-General.

35. The General Committee may also wish to draw to the attention of the General Assembly that:

- Resolutions should contain requests for observations from States or reports by the Secretary-General insofar as they are likely to facilitate the implementation of the resolutions or the continued examination of the question (resolution 45/45, annex, para. 10 (A/520/Rev.15/Amend.1, annex VIII, para. 10)).
- Member States and entities of the United Nations system should make a serious effort to submit their replies and inputs to requests for information or views pursuant to resolutions of the General Assembly within the prescribed deadlines (resolution 55/285, annex, para. 17).

36. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of the annex to resolution 58/316 concerning documentation.

K. Questions relating to the programme budget

37. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, which reads:

> "No resolution involving expenditure shall be recommended by a committee for approval by the General Assembly unless it is accompanied by an estimate of expenditures prepared by the Secretary-General. No resolution in respect of which expenditures are anticipated by the Secretary-General shall be voted by the General Assembly until the Administrative and Budgetary Committee (Fifth Committee) has had an opportunity of stating the effect of the proposal upon the budget estimates of the United Nations."

38. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraphs 12 and 13 of its decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), which read:

> "12. It is imperative that Main Committees should allow sufficient time for the preparation of the estimate of expenditures by the Secretariat and for its consideration by the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions and the Fifth Committee and that they should take this requirement into account when they adopt their programme of work.
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> "13. Furthermore:
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> "(a) A mandatory deadline, not later than 1 December, should be established for the submission to the Fifth Committee of all draft resolutions with financial implications;
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> "(b) The Fifth Committee should, as a general practice, consider accepting without debate the recommendations of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions on the financial implications of draft resolutions up to a prescribed limit, namely, $25,000 on any one item;
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> "(c) Firm deadlines should be set for the early submission of the reports of subsidiary organs which require consideration by the Fifth Committee;
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> "(d) A minimum period of forty-eight hours should be allowed between the submission and the voting of a proposal involving expenditure in order to allow the Secretary-General to prepare and present the related statement of administrative and financial implications."

39. The General Committee may further wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to regulation 5.9 of the Regulations and Rules Governing Programme Planning, the Programme Aspects of the Budget, the Monitoring of Implementation and the Methods of Evaluation (ST/SGB/2000/8; first adopted in resolution 37/234, annex; most recently amended in section III of resolution 53/207), which reads:

> "*Regulation 5.9.* No council, commission or other competent body shall take a decision involving either a change in the programme budget approved by the General Assembly or the possible requirement of expenditure unless it has received and taken account of a report from the Secretary-General on the programme budget implications of the proposal."

40. Furthermore, the General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to paragraph 6 of its resolution 35/10 A, which reads:

> "6. *Decides* that all proposals affecting the schedule of conferences and meetings made at sessions of the General Assembly shall be reviewed by the Committee on Conferences when administrative implications are being considered under the requirements of rule 153 of the rules of procedure of the Assembly."

41. The General Committee may also wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to section VI of its resolution 45/248 B on procedures for administrative and budgetary matters, which states that the Assembly:

"1. *Reaffirms* that the Fifth Committee is the appropriate Main Committee of the General Assembly entrusted with responsibilities for administrative and budgetary matters;

"2. *Reaffirms also* the role of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

"3. *Expresses its concern* at the tendency of its substantive Committees and other intergovernmental bodies to involve themselves in administrative and budgetary matters;

"4. *Invites* the Secretary-General to provide all intergovernmental bodies with the required information regarding procedures for administrative and budgetary matters."

(See also section III below.)

L. Observances and commemorative meetings

42. Considering past practice, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that it adopt a format for commemorative meetings that includes statements by the President of the General Assembly, the Secretary-General, the chairmen of the five regional groups and the representative of the host country.

M. Special conferences

43. The General Committee may wish to draw the attention of the General Assembly to the following:

- The Committee on Conferences recommended that the General Assembly should instruct the Main Committees to review the number of special conferences of the United Nations already proposed and scheduled in their respective fields of activity prior to deciding upon the scheduling of new and additional special conferences, thus bearing in mind the relevant portions of General Assembly resolution 33/55 (recommendation 6 of the Committee on Conferences,[3] adopted by the Assembly in decision 34/405, para. (b)).
- The decision of the General Assembly that no more than five special conferences should take place in a given year and that no more than one special conference should be convened at the same time should be strictly implemented.[4]
- The existing principle that United Nations bodies should meet at their respective established headquarters, as provided for in General Assembly resolution 40/243, should be strictly enforced. Whenever the Assembly accepts an invitation from the Government of a Member State to hold a conference or meeting away from established headquarters, the additional cost should be

[3] Ibid., *Thirty-fourth Session, Supplement No. 32* (A/34/32 and Corr.1), chap. VI.

[4] Ibid., *Forty-first Session, Supplement No. 49* (A/41/49), para. 21, recommendation 2 (d).

borne in full by that Government. The methods of budgeting these costs should be improved so as to ensure that all additional costs are accounted for.[5]

III. Observations on the organization of the work of the General Assembly

44. With regard to rule 153 of the rules of procedure, on the financial implications of resolutions, and paragraph 13 (d) of decision 34/401, which requires a minimum period of forty-eight hours before action is taken on a proposal so as to allow the Secretary-General to prepare the programme budget implications of drafts before the Assembly, the General Committee may wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly the fact that, in most cases, more than forty-eight hours are required for the Secretary-General to review the programme budget implications of proposals before the Assembly.

45. The General Committee may also wish to bring to the attention of the Assembly the fact that, in accordance with rule 78 of the rules of procedure, proposals have to be submitted well in advance of their consideration, in order to ensure that copies have been circulated not later than the day preceding the meeting at which they will be considered.

IV. Adoption of the agenda

46. All proposals for the inclusion of items in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session have been communicated to Member States in the following documents:

(a) Report of the Secretary-General (A/58/864, sect. II);

(b) Supplementary list of items proposed for inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session (A/59/200).

47. The items proposed for inclusion are listed in the draft agenda, which appears in paragraph 54 below.

48. The Secretary-General wishes to recall the relevant resolutions pertaining to the review of the agenda, namely, annex I to resolution 48/264, the annex to resolution 51/241, the annex to resolution 55/285, and paragraphs 2 and 4 of the annex to resolution 58/316. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall paragraph 60 of resolution 57/270 B, in which the General Assembly stated that the General Committee should ensure better coordination of the agendas of the Second and Third Committees.

49. In paragraph 2 (a) of the annex to resolution 58/316, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the agenda of the General Assembly should be organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005 (or in the strategic framework, as appropriate), with an additional heading for "Organizational, administrative and other matters", for the purpose of giving a sense of structure to the work of the Assembly. The headings of the agenda are given in paragraph 2 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316.

[5] Ibid., recommendation 4.

50. In paragraph 4 (b) of the annex to resolution 58/316, the General Assembly decided that the items entitled "Question of Cyprus", "Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo", "Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas)", "The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti", "Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security", "Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait" and "Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986" should remain on the agenda for consideration upon notification by a Member State.

51. In paragraph 4 (d) of the annex to resolution 58/316, the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that, while remaining on the agenda of the plenary, the item entitled "Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion" should be considered every three years.

52. Bearing in mind the extremely heavy workload of the General Assembly and the need to make the most effective use of scarce resources, the General Committee may wish to consider deferring to a later session items for which decisions or action are not required at the current session (resolution 51/241, annex, paras. 23-26).

53. The Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to Assembly decision 49/426, whereby the Assembly decided that the granting of observer status in the General Assembly should in future be confined to States and to those intergovernmental organizations whose activities cover matters of interest to the Assembly. (See also paragraph 57.)

54. Subject to the recommendations of the General Committee regarding paragraphs 46 to 53 above, the draft agenda of the fifty-ninth session would consist of the following items:

Draft agenda organized under headings corresponding to the priorities of the Organization, as contained in the medium-term plan for the period 2002-2005*

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

Plenary items

11. Report of the Security Council.

21. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict.

23. Review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space.

* The present draft agenda includes items listed in the provisional agenda (A/59/150) and the supplementary list (A/59/200).

24. Prevention of armed conflict.

26. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development.

27. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security.

28. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte.

29. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba.

30. Question of Cyprus (see para. 50).

31. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo (see para. 50).

32. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) (see para. 50).

33. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security (see para. 50).

34. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait (see para. 50).

35. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 (see para. 50).

37. The situation in the Middle East.

38. Question of Palestine.

43. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti (see para. 50).

49. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion (see para. 51).

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee) items

20. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples.[6]

22. Assistance in mine action.[7]

74. Effects of atomic radiation.

75. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space.

76. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East.

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[6] This item is allocated to the Fourth Committee in accordance with paragraph 4 (i) of the annex to resolution 58/316.

[7] This item is allocated to the Fourth Committee in accordance with paragraph 4 (j) of the annex to resolution 58/316.

77. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories.

78. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects.

79. Questions relating to information.

80. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations.

81. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories.

82. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations.

83. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories.

84. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India.

Second Committee item

93. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources.

Third Committee item

102. Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions.

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

Plenary items

12. Report of the Economic and Social Council.[a]

36. Culture of peace.

41. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children.

42. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order.

44. Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS.

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[a] This item is allocated to plenary meetings in accordance with paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to resolution 58/316.

46. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields.

47. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa.

48. Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education.

Second Committee items

45. Information and communication technologies for development.[9]

85. Macroeconomic policy questions:

(a) International trade and development;

(b) International financial system and development;

(c) External debt crisis and development;

(d) Commodities.

86. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development.

87. Sustainable development:[10]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[11]

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

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[9] This item is allocated to the Second Committee in accordance with paragraph 4 (f) of the annex to resolution 58/316.

[10] The title of this item in the draft agenda is worded as it appears in the provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004 approved by the General Assembly in its decision 58/553 of 23 December 2003. The General Assembly had earlier, in resolutions 58/213, 58/214, 58/215 and 58/219 of 23 December 2003, used the title "Environment and sustainable development".

[11] The title of this sub-item in the draft agenda is worded as it appears in the provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004 approved by the General Assembly in its decision 58/553 of 23 December 2003. The General Assembly had earlier decided, in resolution 58/213 of 23 December 2003, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session, under the item entitled "Environment and sustainable development", a sub-item entitled "Further implementation of the outcome of the Global Conference on the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States: follow-up to the outcomes of the International Meeting to Review the Implementation of the Barbados Programme of Action".

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

88. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly.[12]

89. Globalization and interdependence:

(a) Globalization and interdependence;

(b) International migration and development;

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;[13]

(d) Culture and development;

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

90. Groups of countries in special situations:

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

91. Eradication of poverty and other development issues:

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Industrial development cooperation.

92. Operational activities for development:

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

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[12] The title of this item in the draft agenda is worded as it appears in the provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004 approved by the General Assembly in its decision 58/553 of 23 December 2003. The General Assembly had earlier decided, in resolution 58/226 of 23 December 2003, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session an item entitled "Special session of the General Assembly for an overall review and appraisal of the implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and the strengthening of the United Nations Human Settlements Programme (UN-Habitat)".

[13] The title of this sub-item in the draft agenda is worded as it appears in the provisional programme of work of the Second Committee for 2004 approved by the General Assembly in its decision 58/553 of 23 December 2003. The General Assembly had earlier decided, in resolution 58/205 of 23 December 2003, to include in the provisional agenda of its fifty-ninth session a sub-item entitled "Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds and assets of illicit origin and returning such funds and assets to the countries of origin".

94. Training and research:

(a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(b) United Nations University.

Third Committee items

95. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly.

96. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family:

(a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

(b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all.

97. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing.

100. Advancement of women.

101. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century".

C. Development of Africa

Plenary item

39. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support:

(a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;

(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

Third Committee items

103. Promotion and protection of the rights of children.

104. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004.

105. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination:

(a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

(b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

106. Right of peoples to self-determination.

107. Human rights questions:

(a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms;

(c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

(d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

(e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

Plenary item

40. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:[14]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(d) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

Second Committee item

40. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance:

(b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

Plenary items

13. Report of the International Court of Justice.

50. Oceans and the law of the sea:

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

[14] Sub-item (b) of this item has been allocated to the Second Committee under section E, in accordance with paragraph 4 (e) of the annex to resolution 58/316.

51. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

52. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

Sixth Committee items

140. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States.

141. Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts.

142. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts.

143. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives.

144. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property.

145. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session.

146. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-sixth session.

148. International Criminal Court.

149. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization.

151. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel.

G. Disarmament

Plenary item

14. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency.

First Committee items

58. Reduction of military budgets.

59. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe.

60. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification.

61. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security.

62. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament.

63. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East.

64. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons.

65. Prevention of an arms race in outer space.

66. General and complete disarmament:

(a) Notification of nuclear tests;

(b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the seabed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;

(c) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;

(d) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;

(e) Relationship between disarmament and development;

(f) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;

(g) Missiles;

(h) Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements;

(i) Regional disarmament;

(j) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;

(k) Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee;

(l) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology;

(m) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(n) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(o) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(p) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(q) Reducing nuclear danger;

(r) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: a new agenda;

(u) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(v) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(w) Transparency in armaments;

(x) Nuclear disarmament;

(y) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(z) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(aa) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament;

(bb) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(cc) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(dd) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

67. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly:

(a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(g) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(h) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa.

68. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session:

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

69. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East.

70. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects.

71. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region.

72. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty.

73. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

Third Committee items

98. Crime prevention and criminal justice.

99. International drug control.

Sixth Committee item

150. Measures to eliminate international terrorism.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

Plenary items

1. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly.

2. Minute of silent prayer or meditation.

3. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly:

   (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

   (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

4. Election of the President of the General Assembly.[15]

6. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly.[15]

7. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations.

8. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee.

9. General debate.

10. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization.

15. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs:

   (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

   (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

[15] In accordance with rule 30 of the rules of procedure, as amended by resolution 56/509 of 8 July 2002, the General Assembly will hold these elections for the sixtieth session at least three months before the opening of that session.

16. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:[16]

    (g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

    (h) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

    (i) Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services;

    (j) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

18. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

19. Admission of new Members to the United Nations.

25. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations.

53. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly.

54. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters.[17]

55. Strengthening of the United Nations system.

56. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit.

57. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations:[18]

    (a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union;

    (b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization;

    (c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

    (d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;

    (e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community;

    (f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe;

    (g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

    (h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization;

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[16] For sub-items (a) to (f), see section I, "Fifth Committee items", item 17.

[17] This item remains also on the agenda of the fifty-eighth session (decision 58/565 of 23 December 2003). Its inclusion in the agenda of the fifty-ninth session is subject to any action that the General Assembly may take on it at its fifty-eighth session.

[18] See paragraph 4 (l) of the annex to resolution 58/316.

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System;

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum;

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community.

158. Multilingualism.

159. Question of the representation of the twenty-three million people of Taiwan in the United Nations.

161. Declaration by the United Nations of 8 and 9 May as days of remembrance and reconciliation.

First Committee item

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.[15]

Fourth Committee item

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Second Committee item

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Third Committee item

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Fifth Committee items

108. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors:

(a) United Nations;

(b) United Nations Development Programme;

(c) United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(h) United Nations Population Fund;

(i) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(j) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(k) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(l) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(m) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(n) Capital master plan.

109. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations.

110. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005.

111. Programme planning.

112. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations.

113. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency.

114. Pattern of conferences.

115. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations.

116. Human resources management.

117. Joint Inspection Unit.

118. United Nations common system.

119. United Nations pension system.

120. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services.

121. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244.

122. Administration of justice at the United Nations.

123. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994.

124. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991.

125. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations.

126. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola.

127. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina.

128. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus.

129. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo.

130. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor.

131. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor.

132. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea.

133. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia.

134. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991):

    (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

    (b) Other activities.

135. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo.

136. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia.

137. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East:

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

138. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone.

139. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara.

155. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi.

156. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Côte d'Ivoire.

157. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti.

17. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments:[19]

(a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

(b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

(c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

(d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

(e) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee;

(f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission.

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.[15]

Sixth Committee items

147. Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country.

152. International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings.

153. Observer status for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly.

154. Observer status for the Southern African Development Community in the General Assembly.

160. Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly.

5. Election of the officers of the Main Committees.[15]

V. Allocation of items

55. The allocation of items described in paragraph 74 below is based on the pattern adopted by the General Assembly for those items in previous years and organized under the headings of the draft agenda in paragraph 54 above. The Secretary-General wishes to recall the relevant resolutions and decisions dealing with guidelines for the allocation of items, namely, decision 34/401 (A/520/Rev.15, annex VI), resolution 39/88 B, resolution 45/45 (A/520/Rev.15 and Amend.1, annexes VII and VIII), annex I to resolution 48/264 and the annex to resolution 51/241.

[19] For sub-items (g) to (j), see section I, "Plenary items", item 17.

56. The Secretary-General also wishes to call to the attention of the General Committee subparagraphs 4 (c), (e), (i) and (j) of the annex to resolution 58/316, relevant to the allocation of items for the fifty-ninth session.

57. The Secretary-General would like to recall that any request by an organization for the granting of observer status in the General Assembly will be considered in plenary meeting after the consideration of the issue by the Sixth Committee of the Assembly (resolution 54/195). (See also paragraph 59.)

58. The following items of the draft agenda have not been considered previously by the General Assembly:

153. Observer status for the Shanghai Cooperation Organization in the General Assembly.

154. Observer status for the Southern African Development Community in the General Assembly.

159. Question of the representation of the twenty-three million people of Taiwan in the United Nations.

160. Observer status for the Collective Security Treaty Organization in the General Assembly.

161. Declaration by the United Nations of 8 and 9 May as days of remembrance and reconciliation.

The sponsors of the request for the inclusion of item 161 have suggested that it be considered directly in plenary meeting.

59. In accordance with paragraph 2 of resolution 54/195, items 153, 154 and 160 should be allocated to the Sixth Committee (see paragraph 57).

60. With regard to *item 10* of the draft agenda (Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization), pursuant to paragraphs 4 and 10 of resolution 51/241 and as at previous sessions, the Secretary-General wishes to make a brief presentation of his annual report[20] as the first item in the morning prior to the opening of the general debate on Tuesday, 21 September 2004.

61. In connection with *item 12* of the draft agenda (Report of the Economic and Social Council), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 4 (c) of the annex to resolution 58/316, in which the General Assembly decided to consider the item in its entirety in plenary meeting, on the understanding that the administrative, programme and budgetary aspects should be dealt with by the Fifth Committee.

62. With regard to *item 20* of the draft agenda (Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 4 (i) of the annex to resolution 58/316, in which the General Assembly decided that the item should be allocated for annual consideration in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

63. In connection with *item 22* of the draft agenda (Assistance in mine action), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 4 (j) of the annex to resolution 58/316,

[20] To be issued as *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 1* (A/59/1).

in which the General Assembly decided that the item, which at previous sessions had been considered directly in plenary meeting, should be allocated for consideration every other year in the Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee).

64. With regard to *item 23* of the draft agenda (Review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraphs 1 and 3 of resolution 58/90, in which the General Assembly decided, inter alia, to conduct the review of the progress made in the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space (UNISPACE III) in plenary meeting(s) at its fifty-ninth session in October 2004.

65. In connection with *item 40 (b)* of the draft agenda (Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions) and *item 45* of the draft agenda (Information and communication technologies for development), the General Committee may wish to recall paragraph 4 (e) of the annex to resolution 58/316, in which the General Assembly decided to allocate these items, which at previous sessions had been considered directly in plenary meeting, for annual consideration in the Second Committee.

66. With regard to *item 44* of the draft agenda (Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 1 of resolution 58/313, in which the General Assembly decided, inter alia, that the high-level meeting to review the progress achieved in realizing the commitments set out in the Declaration would be convened on 2 June 2005.

67. With regard to *item 46* of the draft agenda (Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields), the Secretary-General wishes to recall decision 58/529, in which the General Assembly, considering that 2004 marks the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development, held in Cairo, decided to devote one day during its fifty-ninth session to the commemoration of the tenth anniversary of the International Conference on Population and Development. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall resolution 57/270 B, in which the Assembly decided to consider under this item the chapters of the annual report of the Economic and Social Council relevant to the integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits, including through the participation in its discussions of the President of the Council.

68. In connection with *item 66* of the draft agenda (General and complete disarmament), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to the fact that some portions of the annual report of the International Atomic Energy Agency, which is to be considered directly in plenary meetings under item 14, deal with the subject matter of this item. The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the relevant paragraphs of the report be drawn to the attention of the First Committee in connection with its consideration of item 66.

69. With regard to *item 96* of the draft agenda (Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family), the Secretary-General wishes to draw the attention of the General Committee to paragraph 8 of resolution 57/164, in which the General Assembly decided to devote one plenary meeting at its fifty-ninth session, in 2004, to the observance of the tenth anniversary of the International Year of the Family, building upon the events to be held on 15 May 2004 on the occasion of the International Day of Families.

70. In connection with *item 100* of the draft agenda (Advancement of women), the Secretary-General wishes to recall paragraph 16 of the annex to resolution 39/125 concerning the United Nations Development Fund for Women, which reads:

> "16. Taking into account the advice of the Consultative Committee, the Administrator shall submit to the Governing Council of the United Nations Development Programme an annual report on the operations, management and budget of the Fund. He shall submit a similar report to the General Assembly, to be referred to the Second Committee for consideration of its technical cooperation aspects and also to the Third Committee."

The General Committee may therefore wish to recommend that the report be referred to the Second Committee for consideration under item 92 of the draft agenda (Operational activities for development).

71. With regard to *item 107 (b)* of the draft agenda (Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms), the Secretary-General wishes to bring to the attention of the General Committee resolution 58/181, by which the General Assembly, in paragraph 17, decided to dedicate a plenary meeting during the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly on the occasion of Human Rights Day, 10 December 2004, structured as an interactive dialogue to review the achievements of the United Nations Decade for Human Rights Education, 1995-2004, and to discuss possible future activities for the enhancement of human rights education.

72. With regard to *item 111* of the draft agenda (Programme planning), the Secretary-General wishes to recall resolutions 54/236 and 57/282. In paragraph 4 of section III of resolution 57/282, the General Assembly reiterated its view that the relevant intergovernmental bodies, as well as the Economic and Social Council and the Main Committees of the General Assembly, should include in their programmes of work a review of recommendations of the Committee for Programme and Coordination relevant to their work and take appropriate action. The Secretary-General also wishes to recall paragraph 5 of resolution 58/269, in which the Assembly requested the Secretary-General to prepare, on a trial basis, for submission to the General Assembly at its fifty-ninth session, a strategic framework to replace the current four-year medium-term plan.

73. The Secretary-General recommends that the General Assembly allocate the following programmes of the proposed strategic framework for the period 2006-2007, as recommended by the Committee for Programme and Coordination at its forty-fourth session,[21] to the relevant Main Committees for their review and action and for subsequent submission to the Fifth Committee for its consideration in the

[21] *Official Records of the General Assembly, Fifty-ninth Session, Supplement No. 16* (A/59/16), chap. II, sect. C.

context of the overall strategic framework for the period 2006-2007 under the item entitled "Programme planning":

Programme	*Title*	*Documentation*	*Committee*
3	Disarmament	A/59/6, programme 3	First Committee
10	Trade and development	A/59/6, programme 10	Second Committee
19	Human rights	A/59/6, programme 19	Third Committee
23	Public information	A/59/6, programme 23	Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

In the light of the foregoing, the General Committee may wish to recommend to the General Assembly that item 111 be allocated also to the Main Committees concerned.

74. Subject to changes that may be made by the General Committee in the light of paragraphs 55 to 73 above, the allocation of the items of the draft agenda would be as follows:[22]

Plenary meetings

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

1. Report of the Security Council [D.11].
2. The role of diamonds in fuelling conflict [D.21].
3. Review of the implementation of the recommendations of the Third United Nations Conference on the Exploration and Peaceful Uses of Outer Space [D.23] (see para. 64).
4. Prevention of armed conflict [D.24].
5. The situation in Central America: progress in fashioning a region of peace, freedom, democracy and development [D.26].
6. The situation in Afghanistan and its implications for international peace and security [D.27].
7. Question of the Comorian island of Mayotte [D.28].
8. Necessity of ending the economic, commercial and financial embargo imposed by the United States of America against Cuba [D.29].
9. Question of Cyprus [D.30] (see para. 50).
10. Armed aggression against the Democratic Republic of the Congo [D.31] (see para. 50).

[22] The numbers in square brackets [D-] are those of the items of the draft agenda in paragraph 54 above.

11. Question of the Falkland Islands (Malvinas) [D.32] (see para. 50).

12. Armed Israeli aggression against the Iraqi nuclear installations and its grave consequences for the established international system concerning the peaceful uses of nuclear energy, the non-proliferation of nuclear weapons and international peace and security [D.33] (see para. 50).

13. Consequences of the Iraqi occupation of and aggression against Kuwait [D.34] (see para. 50).

14. Declaration of the Assembly of Heads of State and Government of the Organization of African Unity on the aerial and naval military attack against the Socialist People's Libyan Arab Jamahiriya by the present United States Administration in April 1986 [D.35] (see para. 50).

15. The situation in the Middle East [D.37].

16. Question of Palestine [D.38].

17. The situation of democracy and human rights in Haiti [D.43] (see para. 50).

18. Elimination of unilateral extraterritorial coercive economic measures as a means of political and economic compulsion [D.49] (see para. 51).

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

19. Report of the Economic and Social Council [D.12] (see para. 61).

20. Culture of peace [D.36].

21. Follow-up to the outcome of the special session on children [D.41].

22. The role of the United Nations in promoting a new global human order [D.42].

23. Follow-up to the outcome of the twenty-sixth special session: implementation of the Declaration of Commitment on HIV/AIDS [D.44] (see para. 66).

24. Integrated and coordinated implementation of and follow-up to the outcomes of the major United Nations conferences and summits in the economic, social and related fields [D.46] (see para. 67).

25. 2001-2010: Decade to Roll Back Malaria in Developing Countries, Particularly in Africa [D.47].

26. Sport for peace and development: International Year of Sport and Physical Education [D.48].

27. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [D.96] (see para. 69).

C. Development of Africa

28. New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support [D.39]:

    (a) New Partnership for Africa's Development: progress in implementation and international support;

(b) Causes of conflict and the promotion of durable peace and sustainable development in Africa.

D. Promotion of human rights

29. Human rights questions [D.107]:

(b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (see para. 71).

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

30. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [D.40] (see para. 65):[23]

(a) Strengthening of the coordination of emergency humanitarian assistance of the United Nations;

(c) Assistance to the Palestinian people;

(d) Emergency international assistance for peace, normalcy and reconstruction of war-stricken Afghanistan.

F. Promotion of justice and international law

31. Report of the International Court of Justice [D.13].

32. Oceans and the law of the sea [D.50]:

(a) Oceans and the law of the sea;

(b) Sustainable fisheries, including through the Agreement for the Implementation of the Provisions of the United Nations Convention on the Law of the Sea of 10 December 1982 relating to the Conservation and Management of Straddling Fish Stocks and Highly Migratory Fish Stocks, and related instruments.

33. Report of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [D.51].

34. Report of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 (D.52].

G. Disarmament

35. Report of the International Atomic Energy Agency [D.14] (see para. 68).

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[23] For sub-item (b), see Second Committee, entry 12.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

36. Opening of the session by the President of the General Assembly [D.1].

37. Minute of silent prayer or meditation [D.2].

38. Credentials of representatives to the fifty-ninth session of the General Assembly [D.3]:

    (a) Appointment of the members of the Credentials Committee;

    (b) Report of the Credentials Committee.

39. Election of the President of the General Assembly [D.4].

40. Election of the Vice-Presidents of the General Assembly [D.6].

41. Notification by the Secretary-General under Article 12, paragraph 2, of the Charter of the United Nations [D.7].

42. Organization of work, adoption of the agenda and allocation of items: reports of the General Committee [D.8].

43. General debate [D.9].

44. Report of the Secretary-General on the work of the Organization [D.10] (see para. 60).

45. Elections to fill vacancies in principal organs [D.15]:

    (a) Election of five non-permanent members of the Security Council;

    (b) Election of eighteen members of the Economic and Social Council.

46. Elections to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other elections: election of seven members of the Committee for Programme and Coordination [D.16].

47. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [D.17]:[24]

    (g) Appointment of members of the Committee on Conferences;

    (h) Appointment of members of the Joint Inspection Unit;

    (i) Appointment of the Under-Secretary-General for Internal Oversight Services;

    (j) Confirmation of the appointment of the Secretary-General of the United Nations Conference on Trade and Development.

48. Election of judges of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [D.18].

49. Admission of new Members to the United Nations [D.19].

50. Implementation of the resolutions of the United Nations [D.25].

51. Revitalization of the work of the General Assembly [D.53].

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[24] *For sub-items (a) to (f), see Fifth Committee, entry 36.*

52. Question of equitable representation on and increase in the membership of the Security Council and related matters [D.54].

53. Strengthening of the United Nations system [D.55].

54. Follow-up to the outcome of the Millennium Summit [D.56].

55. Cooperation between the United Nations and regional and other organizations [D.57]:

(a) Cooperation between the United Nations and the African Union;

(b) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Asian-African Legal Consultative Organization;

(c) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Association of Southeast Asian Nations;

(d) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Black Sea Economic Cooperation Organization;

(e) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Caribbean Community;

(f) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Council of Europe;

(g) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Community of Central African States;

(h) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Economic Cooperation Organization;

(i) Cooperation between the United Nations and the International Organization of la Francophonie;

(j) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Inter-Parliamentary Union;

(k) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Latin American Economic System;

(l) Cooperation between the United Nations and the League of Arab States;

(m) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for the Prohibition of Chemical Weapons;

(n) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization for Security and Cooperation in Europe;

(o) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of American States;

(p) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Organization of the Islamic Conference;

(q) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Pacific Islands Forum;

(r) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Preparatory Commission for the Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty Organization;

(s) Cooperation between the United Nations and the Southern African Development Community.

56. Multilingualism [D.158].

First Committee

G. Disarmament

1. Reduction of military budgets [D.58].
2. Maintenance of international security — good-neighbourliness, stability and development in South-Eastern Europe [D.59].
3. Verification in all its aspects, including the role of the United Nations in the field of verification [D.60].
4. Developments in the field of information and telecommunications in the context of international security [D.61].
5. Role of science and technology in the context of international security and disarmament [D.62].
6. Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in the region of the Middle East [D.63].
7. Conclusion of effective international arrangements to assure non-nuclear-weapon States against the use or threat of use of nuclear weapons [D.64].
8. Prevention of an arms race in outer space [D.65].
9. General and complete disarmament [D.66] (see para. 68):
   (a) Notification of nuclear tests;
   (b) Further measures in the field of disarmament for the prevention of an arms race on the sea-bed and the ocean floor and in the subsoil thereof;
   (c) Disarmament and non-proliferation education;
   (d) Measures to uphold the authority of the 1925 Geneva Protocol;
   (e) Relationship between disarmament and development;
   (f) Mongolia's international security and nuclear-weapon-free status;
   (g) Missiles;
   (h) Compliance with arms limitation and disarmament and non-proliferation agreements;
   (i) Regional disarmament;
   (j) Conventional arms control at the regional and subregional levels;
   (k) Improving the effectiveness of the methods of work of the First Committee;
   (l) National legislation on transfer of arms, military equipment and dual-use goods and technology;

(m) Confidence-building measures in the regional and subregional context;

(n) Promotion of multilateralism in the area of disarmament and non-proliferation;

(o) Observance of environmental norms in the drafting and implementation of agreements on disarmament and arms control;

(p) Follow-up to the advisory opinion of the International Court of Justice on the *Legality of the Threat or Use of Nuclear Weapons*;

(q) Reducing nuclear danger;

(r) Measures to prevent terrorists from acquiring weapons of mass destruction;

(s) Nuclear-weapon-free southern hemisphere and adjacent areas;

(t) Towards a nuclear-weapon-free world: a new agenda;

(u) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production, Stockpiling and Use of Chemical Weapons and on Their Destruction;

(v) Implementation of the Convention on the Prohibition of the Use, Stockpiling, Production and Transfer of Anti-personnel Mines and on Their Destruction;

(w) Transparency in armaments;

(x) Nuclear disarmament;

(y) Assistance to States for curbing the illicit traffic in small arms and collecting them;

(z) The illicit trade in small arms and light weapons in all its aspects;

(aa) United Nations conference to identify ways of eliminating nuclear dangers in the context of nuclear disarmament;

(bb) Establishment of a nuclear-weapon-free zone in Central Asia;

(cc) Consolidation of peace through practical disarmament measures;

(dd) Convening of the fourth special session of the General Assembly devoted to disarmament.

10. Review and implementation of the Concluding Document of the Twelfth Special Session of the General Assembly [D.67]:

(a) United Nations Disarmament Information Programme;

(b) United Nations disarmament fellowship, training and advisory services;

(c) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace, Disarmament and Development in Latin America and the Caribbean;

(d) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Africa;

(e) United Nations Regional Centre for Peace and Disarmament in Asia and the Pacific;

(f) United Nations regional centres for peace and disarmament;

(g) Convention on the Prohibition of the Use of Nuclear Weapons;

(h) Regional confidence-building measures: activities of the United Nations Standing Advisory Committee on Security Questions in Central Africa.

11. Review of the implementation of the recommendations and decisions adopted by the General Assembly at its tenth special session [D.68]:

(a) Advisory Board on Disarmament Matters;

(b) United Nations Institute for Disarmament Research;

(c) Report of the Conference on Disarmament;

(d) Report of the Disarmament Commission.

12. The risk of nuclear proliferation in the Middle East [D.69].

13. Convention on Prohibitions or Restrictions on the Use of Certain Conventional Weapons Which May Be Deemed to Be Excessively Injurious or to Have Indiscriminate Effects [D.70].

14. Strengthening of security and cooperation in the Mediterranean region [D.71].

15. Comprehensive Nuclear-Test-Ban Treaty [D.72].

16. Convention on the Prohibition of the Development, Production and Stockpiling of Bacteriological (Biological) and Toxin Weapons and on Their Destruction [D.73].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

17. Programme planning (programme 3 of the proposed strategic framework) [D.111] (see paras. 72 and 73).

18. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [D.5].

Special Political and Decolonization Committee (Fourth Committee)

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

1. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples [D.20] (see para. 62).

2. Assistance in mine action [D.22] (see para. 63).

3. Effects of atomic radiation [D.74].

4. International cooperation in the peaceful uses of outer space [D.75].

5. United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East [D.76].

6. Report of the Special Committee to Investigate Israeli Practices Affecting the Human Rights of the Palestinian People and Other Arabs of the Occupied Territories [D.77].

7. Comprehensive review of the whole question of peacekeeping operations in all their aspects [D.78].

8. Questions relating to information [D.79].

9. Information from Non-Self-Governing Territories transmitted under Article 73 *e* of the Charter of the United Nations [D.80].

10. Economic and other activities which affect the interests of the peoples of the Non-Self-Governing Territories [D.81].

11. Implementation of the Declaration on the Granting of Independence to Colonial Countries and Peoples by the specialized agencies and the international institutions associated with the United Nations [D.82].

12. Offers by Member States of study and training facilities for inhabitants of Non-Self-Governing Territories [D.83].

13. Question of the Malagasy islands of Glorieuses, Juan de Nova, Europa and Bassas da India [D.84].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

14. Programme planning (programme 23 of the proposed strategic framework) [D.111] (see paras. 72 and 73).

15. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [D.5].

Second Committee

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

1. Permanent sovereignty of the Palestinian people in the Occupied Palestinian Territory, including East Jerusalem, and of the Arab population in the occupied Syrian Golan over their natural resources [D.93].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

2. Information and communication technologies for development [D.45] (see para. 65).

3. Macroeconomic policy questions [D.85]:

   (a) International trade and development;

   (b) International financial system and development;

   (c) External debt crisis and development;

   (d) Commodities.

4. Follow-up to and implementation of the outcome of the International Conference on Financing for Development [D.86].

5. Sustainable development [D.87]:[10]

(a) Implementation of Agenda 21, the Programme for the Further Implementation of Agenda 21 and the outcomes of the World Summit on Sustainable Development;

(b) Further implementation of the Programme of Action for the Sustainable Development of Small Island Developing States;[11]

(c) International Strategy for Disaster Reduction;

(d) Protection of global climate for present and future generations of mankind;

(e) Implementation of the United Nations Convention to Combat Desertification in Those Countries Experiencing Serious Drought and/or Desertification, Particularly in Africa;

(f) Convention on Biological Diversity;

(g) United Nations Decade of Education for Sustainable Development.

6. Implementation of the outcome of the United Nations Conference on Human Settlements (Habitat II) and of the twenty-fifth special session of the General Assembly [D.88].[12]

7. Globalization and interdependence [D.89]:

(a) Globalization and interdependence;

(b) International migration and development;

(c) Preventing and combating corrupt practices and transfer of funds of illicit origin and returning such assets to the countries of origin;[13]

(d) Culture and development;

(e) Integration of the economies in transition into the world economy.

8. Groups of countries in special situations [D.90]:

(a) Third United Nations Conference on the Least Developed Countries;

(b) Specific actions related to the particular needs and problems of landlocked developing countries: outcome of the International Ministerial Conference of Landlocked and Transit Developing Countries and Donor Countries and International Financial and Development Institutions on Transit Transport Cooperation.

9. Eradication of poverty and other development issues [D.91]:

(a) Implementation of the first United Nations Decade for the Eradication of Poverty (1997-2006);

(b) Women in development;

(c) Industrial development cooperation.

10. Operational activities for development [D.92] (see para. 70):

(a) Operational activities for development of the United Nations system;

(b) Triennial comprehensive policy review of operational activities for development of the United Nations system.

11. Training and research [D.94]:

    (a) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

    (b) United Nations University.

E. Effective coordination of humanitarian assistance efforts

12. Strengthening of the coordination of humanitarian and disaster relief assistance of the United Nations, including special economic assistance [D.40] (see para. 65):[25]

    (b) Special economic assistance to individual countries or regions.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

13. Programme planning (programme 10 of the proposed strategic framework) [D.111] (see paras. 72 and 73).

14. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [D.5].

Third Committee

A. Maintenance of international peace and security

1. Report of the United Nations Commissioner for Refugees, questions relating to refugees, returnees and displaced persons and humanitarian questions [D.102].

B. Promotion of sustained economic growth and sustainable development in accordance with the resolutions of the General Assembly and recent United Nations conferences

2. Implementation of the outcome of the World Summit for Social Development and of the twenty-fourth special session of the General Assembly [D.95].

3. Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family [D.96] (see para. 69):

    (a) Social development, including questions relating to the world social situation and to youth, ageing, disabled persons and the family;

    (b) United Nations Literacy Decade: education for all.

4. Follow-up to the International Year of Older Persons: Second World Assembly on Ageing [D.97].

5. Advancement of women [D.100] (see para. 70).

6. Implementation of the outcome of the Fourth World Conference on Women and of the twenty-third special session of the General Assembly, entitled "Women 2000: gender equality, development and peace for the twenty-first century" [D.101].

[25] For sub-items (a), (c) and (d), see Plenary meetings, entry 30.

D. Promotion of human rights

7. Promotion and protection of the rights of children [D.103].

8. Programme of activities for the International Decade of the World's Indigenous People, 1995-2004 [D.104].

9. Elimination of racism and racial discrimination [D.105]:

   (a) Elimination of racism and racial discrimination;

   (b) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Durban Declaration and Programme of Action.

10. Right of peoples to self-determination [D.106].

11. Human rights questions [D.107]:

   (a) Implementation of human rights instruments;

   (b) Human rights questions, including alternative approaches for improving the effective enjoyment of human rights and fundamental freedoms (see para. 71);

   (c) Human rights situations and reports of special rapporteurs and representatives;

   (d) Comprehensive implementation of and follow-up to the Vienna Declaration and Programme of Action;

   (e) Report of the United Nations High Commissioner for Human Rights.

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

12. Crime prevention and criminal justice [D.98].

13. International drug control [D.99].

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

14. Programme planning (programme 19 of the proposed strategic framework) [D.111] (see paras. 72 and 73).

15. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [D.5].

Fifth Committee

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

1. Financial reports and audited financial statements, and reports of the Board of Auditors [D.108]:

   (a) United Nations;

   (b) United Nations Development Programme;

   (c) United Nations Children's Fund;

(d) United Nations Relief and Works Agency for Palestine Refugees in the Near East;

(e) United Nations Institute for Training and Research;

(f) Voluntary funds administered by the United Nations High Commissioner for Refugees;

(g) Fund of the United Nations Environment Programme;

(h) United Nations Population Fund;

(i) United Nations Human Settlements Programme;

(j) Fund of the United Nations International Drug Control Programme;

(k) United Nations Office for Project Services;

(l) International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991;

(m) International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994;

(n) Capital master plan.

2. Review of the efficiency of the administrative and financial functioning of the United Nations [D.109].

3. Programme budget for the biennium 2004-2005 [D.110].

4. Programme planning [D.111] (see paras. 72 and 73).

5. Improving the financial situation of the United Nations [D.112].

6. Administrative and budgetary coordination of the United Nations with the specialized agencies and the International Atomic Energy Agency [D.113].

7. Pattern of conferences [D.114].

8. Scale of assessments for the apportionment of the expenses of the United Nations [D.115].

9. Human resources management [D.116].

10. Joint Inspection Unit [D.117].

11. United Nations common system [D.118].

12. United Nations pension system [D.119].

13. Report of the Secretary-General on the activities of the Office of Internal Oversight Services [D.120].

14. Review of the implementation of General Assembly resolutions 48/218 B and 54/244 [D.121].

15. Administration of justice at the United Nations [D.122].

16. Financing of the International Criminal Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Genocide and Other Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of Rwanda and Rwandan Citizens Responsible for Genocide and Other Such Violations Committed in the Territory of Neighbouring States between 1 January and 31 December 1994 [D.123].

17. Financing of the International Tribunal for the Prosecution of Persons Responsible for Serious Violations of International Humanitarian Law Committed in the Territory of the Former Yugoslavia since 1991 [D.124].

18. Administrative and budgetary aspects of the financing of the United Nations peacekeeping operations [D.125].

19. Financing of the United Nations Angola Verification Mission and the United Nations Observer Mission in Angola [D.126].

20. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Bosnia and Herzegovina [D.127].

21. Financing of the United Nations Peacekeeping Force in Cyprus [D.128].

22. Financing of the United Nations Organization Mission in the Democratic Republic of the Congo [D.129].

23. Financing of the United Nations Mission in East Timor [D.130].

24. Financing of the United Nations Mission of Support in East Timor [D.131].

25. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Ethiopia and Eritrea [D.132].

26. Financing of the United Nations Observer Mission in Georgia [D.133].

27. Financing of the activities arising from Security Council resolution 687 (1991) [D.134]:

    (a) United Nations Iraq-Kuwait Observation Mission;

    (b) Other activities.

28. Financing of the United Nations Interim Administration Mission in Kosovo [D.135].

29. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Liberia [D.136].

30. Financing of the United Nations peacekeeping forces in the Middle East [D.137]:

    (a) United Nations Disengagement Observer Force;

    (b) United Nations Interim Force in Lebanon.

31. Financing of the United Nations Mission in Sierra Leone [D.138].

32. Financing of the United Nations Mission for the Referendum in Western Sahara [D.139].

33. Financing of the United Nations Operation in Burundi [D.155].

34. Financing of the United Nations Operations in Côte d'Ivoire [D.156].

35. Financing of the United Nations Stabilization Mission in Haiti [D.157].

36. Appointments to fill vacancies in subsidiary organs and other appointments [D.17]:[26]

    (a) Appointment of members of the Advisory Committee on Administrative and Budgetary Questions;

    (b) Appointment of members of the Committee on Contributions;

    (c) Confirmation of the appointment of members of the Investments Committee;

    (d) Appointment of members of the United Nations Administrative Tribunal;

    (e) Appointment of members and alternate members of the United Nations Staff Pension Committee;

    (f) Appointment of members of the International Civil Service Commission.

37. Election of the officers of the Main Committees [D.5].

Sixth Committee

F. Promotion of justice and international law

1. Nationality of natural persons in relation to the succession of States [D.140].

2. Responsibility of States for internationally wrongful acts [D.141].

3. Status of the Protocols Additional to the Geneva Conventions of 1949 and relating to the protection of victims of armed conflicts [D.142].

4. Consideration of effective measures to enhance the protection, security and safety of diplomatic and consular missions and representatives [D.143].

5. Convention on jurisdictional immunities of States and their property [D.144].

6. Report of the United Nations Commission on International Trade Law on the work of its thirty-seventh session [D.145].

7. Report of the International Law Commission on the work of its fifty-sixth session [D.146].

8. International Criminal Court [D.148].

9. Report of the Special Committee on the Charter of the United Nations and on the Strengthening of the Role of the Organization [D.149].

10. Scope of legal protection under the Convention on the Safety of United Nations and Associated Personnel [D.151].

H. Drug control, crime prevention and combating international terrorism in all its forms and manifestations

11. Measures to eliminate international terrorism [D.150].

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[26] For sub-items (g) to (j), see "Plenary meetings", entry 47.

I. Organizational, administrative and other matters

12. **Report of the Committee on Relations with the Host Country [D.147].**

13. **International convention against the reproductive cloning of human beings [D.152].**

14. **Election of the officers of the Main Committees [D.5].**